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TAGS: PEPR, RH, CA
SUBJECT: CANADIAN POSITION ON RHODESIA

1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
MARCH 7, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JAMIESON MADE
FOLLOWING COMMENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE EXPRESSED MY SUPPORT FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS. THEY ONLY WORK, HOWEVER, WHEN ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THAT SENSE, THEREFORE, THE MESSAGE THAT I HAVE CONVEYED, AND THAT I AM SURE WILL CARRY THE SUPPORT OF ALL PARTIES IN THE HOUSE, IS THAT I HOPE THIS BEGINNING TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA WILL BE EXTENDED. I HOPE THAT MR. NKOMO, MR. MUGABE AND THE OTHERS CONCERNED CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS. I AM EQUALLY URGING THAT GROUP TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS SO THAT IN EVERY SENSE IT CAN BE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. END TEXT.

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3. H. CARTER, DIRECTOR OF ANGLOPHONE AFFAIRS IN EXTAFF, SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THERE IS DISAGREEMENT WITHIN THE GOC ON WHAT POSITION CANADA SHOULD ADOPT REGARDING SMITH'S INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT NKOMO MADE A HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON SEVERAL MINISTERS WHEN HE VISITED OTTAWA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

(IMPLICATION OF THIS REMARK WAS THAT THIS FACTOR COLORS THE ATTITUDE OF THESE MINISTERS TOWARDS THE CURRENT SITUATION.) CARTER ALSO INDICATED THAT CANADIAN PERMREP IN NEW YORK, IN AN UNSOLICITED MANNER, HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN A MARCH 7 MESSAGE TO OTTAWA THAT GOC CATEGORICALLY REJECT ANY TYPE OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. CANADIAN POSITION, ACCORDING TO CARTER, WILL BE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY STAND WHICH UK ADOPTS. ENDERS

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